

languages, customs, and beliefs of other peoples, as well as the physical circumstances in which they live.

Despite the importance of public awareness of world geography, statistics indicate that many Americans lack basic knowledge in this field. For example, a survey sponsored by the Federal Government found that many of the Nation's 12th graders do not know that the Mississippi River flows into the Gulf of Mexico. The Department of Education reports that one-third of all adults in the United States cannot name any of the countries that belong to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and a National Governors' Association report approximately two years ago indicated that one in seven adults could not locate the United States on a globe. Although such findings underscore the dire need to improve general knowledge of the subject, geography as a distinct discipline has been disappearing from academic curricula around the country.

Fortunately, however, the Administration and the Nation's Governors are working to revitalize America's educational system through efforts that include renewed emphasis on the basics. By raising our expectations and reaffirming the value of learning—including the study and mastery of elementary geography—we can better equip young Americans for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

To focus attention on the importance of the study and mastery of geography, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 323, has designated the week of November 11 through November 17, 1990, as "Geography Awareness Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11 through November 17, 1990, as Geography Awareness Week. I urge all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6228 of November 13, 1990

To Suspend Indefinitely the Import Quota on Cotton Comber Waste

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 2351 of September 20, 1939, issued pursuant to section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624) (the Act), limited the total quantity of cotton waste that may be entered in any 12-month period beginning September 20 in any year and provided country-specific allocations of such

quantity. This action was taken in order that the entry of cotton waste would not render or tend to render ineffective, or materially interfere with, the programs with respect to cotton undertaken by the Department of Agriculture.

2. In accordance with section 22 of the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture has advised me that he has reason to believe that the quantitative restrictions on imports of cotton comber waste, wherever classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), should be terminated or modified because the circumstances requiring the imposition of the restrictions have changed and the quota is being underutilized.

3. Based upon this advice, I directed the United States International Trade Commission (the Commission) to initiate an investigation under section 22(d) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 624(d)) to determine whether the quota on cotton comber waste should be terminated or modified, including globalizing country quota allocations, eliminating the staple length restrictions on cotton used to make cotton comber waste, or distinguishing between bleached and unbleached cotton comber waste, or whether the quota should otherwise be adjusted to take account of circumstances that have changed since the quota was proclaimed.

4. After reviewing the facts and taking into account the report of the Commission based upon the investigation that it conducted, I have determined that the circumstances requiring the current import quotas on cotton comber waste do not exist at this time. Accordingly, I find that the quantitative restrictions imposed under section 22 of the Act on all imported cotton comber waste should be suspended indefinitely, and that the staple length restrictions on cotton comber waste should be eliminated.

5. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2483) authorizes the President to embody in the HTS the substance of the provisions of that Act, of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions taken thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, acting under authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including but not limited to section 22 of the Act and section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2483), do hereby proclaim that:

(1) In subheading 9904.30.50 of the HTS, the title of quota quantity column (A), "Minimum Quota for certain comber wastes", is modified to read "Quota for cotton comber waste".

(2) In subheading 9904.30.50 of the HTS, the title of quota quantity column (B), "Unreserved Quota", is modified to read "Quota for other cotton wastes".

(3) In subheading 9904.30.50 of the HTS, the quota quantity column (C), with its title "Total Quota", is stricken.

(4) U.S. Note 3(b) to subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the HTS is deleted, and the words "See U.S. note 3(b) of this subchapter" in subheading 9904.30.50 of the HTS are deleted.

(5) The quantitative restrictions on imports of cotton comber waste, as provided under subheading 9904.30.50 of the HTS, as revised, are hereby suspended indefinitely.

(6) Proclamation No. 2351 is superseded to the extent inconsistent with this proclamation.

(7) This proclamation shall be effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on and after the date of publication of this proclamation in the **Federal Register**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6229 of November 14, 1990

Thanksgiving Day, 1990

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

In the first Presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation, George Washington observed that "it is the Duty of all Nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his Will, to be grateful for his Benefits, and humbly to implore His Protection and Favor." As a people who have long enjoyed unparalleled material prosperity and the priceless blessings of peace and freedom, we Americans cannot fail to fulfill this great, yet joyous, duty. Thus, we pause each year on Thanksgiving Day to express our gratitude for the goodness and generosity of our Creator and to ask His continued protection and guidance in all our endeavors, both as individuals and as a Nation.

The observance of Thanksgiving was a cherished tradition in America long before George Washington called his countrymen "to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." Indeed, we trace the tradition of giving thanks back to some of the earliest settlers in this country—not only the Pilgrims at Plymouth but also early colonists at Jamestown, New Amsterdam, and St. Augustine. With hands clasped in prayer and hearts full of gratitude, these men and women gave public thanks to God for having been sustained through times of hardship and peril.

William Bradford's account of the experience of the settlers at Plymouth Colony is not only a moving description of the trials of emigration to a wilderness but also captures their profound faith and contains a timeless exhortation to succeeding generations:

Being thus passed the vast ocean . . . they had now no friends to welcome them, nor inns to entertain or refresh their weatherbeaten bodies, no houses or much less towns to repair to. . . . And for the season it was winter, and they that know the winters of that country know them to be sharp and violent. . . . Besides, what could they see but a hideous and desolate wilderness? . . . Neither could they, as it were, go to the top of Pisgah, to view from this wilderness a more goodly country to feed their hopes, for which way soever they turned their eyes (save upwards to the heavens) they could have little solace or con-